



The BRUTUS BULLETIN is a newsletter of postal DIPLOMACYtm brought to you every few weeks by John Michalski ("mih-HOLL-skee"), Rt 10, Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165. Subs have been available at the rate of 12/\$5, 12/\$4 for resubs, but these rates will go up very shortly, and balances will be adjusted. I will try to include the new rates this issue, but I am also trying to get this out quickly, for just like with the last three issues, rumors of the postage hike being very imminent abound. I have GAME OPEN-INGS with GGMS Scott Hanson (IRKSOME), 2 week deadlines, black press, \$4 gamefee, sub to BB optional, 701 SE 15 Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414; and, Dave Marshall (DOWN 'N' DIRTY), \$3.50, 3 week deadlines, grey press, and again, sub is optional. You will get your results direct from the GGM for your game. I recommend these faster (and cheaper) games to you newcomers especially: learn quick, one way or the other! Dave is at 1547 Maplegrove Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121.

HOBBY NEWS: Let's see; the Hobby Mascot vote is coming up, or is indeed due now, by postcard to Mike Conner, 3214 Beverly Road, Austin, TX 78703. Most nominees are nonsensical, but one or two might be legitimate. See my response to Bobby Stephens' letter inside. A full listing of the so-called nominees has appeared in such places as APALLING GREED, MURDRIN' MINISTERS, LONE STAR DIPLOMAT, and the like. You should all be getting at least one of these, if not all three like me. I vote for the chamelion myself.

JOHN LIPSCOMB, late of ASSORTED GARBAGE, recently sent a check for my old sub balance to that now-defunct zine. That is news, since so few do that. Konrad Baumeister is the only other I can recall offhand. I don't hesitate to condemn the irresponsible, so I think I ought to mention the few who are responsible.

BUREAUCRATIC BLUNDERS is a feature that used to appear here to lighten these turgid pages, but does no more. That's because CONSERVATIVE DIGEST no longer carries that feature. That is also why I am dropping my CD sub. I got it for the humor, not all the abortion crap and militant Christian knights. I am as reactionary as they come, but some of this stuff is just plain dumb, "conservative" or not.

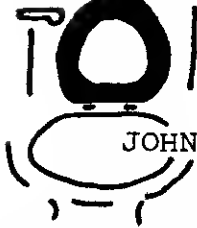
CONGRATULATIONS to Kerry Blant, who married Karen on February 18. Kerry, I hope the presence of a new spouse doesn't cause you to drop from sight the way George Leritte did... I think I mentioned the engagement or marriage of Bruce Linsey an issue or two back, but now I'm not sure. I've also forgotten the details! If I haven't, then congratulations to you too, Bruxus, whatever it was happened to you.... (Organization, that's me.)

NEW ZINE: Yes, just what you were waiting for, another new zine to come along. Seriously, I did get a form letter in the mail recently announcing a new zine called THE CHAMBER, which will be starting 3 games, no fee, and a sub rate of 10/\$4.50. I haven't seen one, but this is from David Manuel, 10318 Oakgate, Bellflower, CA 90706. If you've got two spare stamps, why not mail him one and ask for a sample? All these many new faces in the publishing ranks need encouragement.

An OLD PUBLISHER, Bob Sergeant, has put out a striking 32-page anniversary issue, his fifth. Digest sized, with reduced type, it is filled with articles. I'm envious. You will like it too, if he has any left. Robert's record as a publisher is something that these many new faces I mentioned can try and emulate. Reliability is everything. 3242 Lupine Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46224, one of the few addresses I still know by heart. (I hope I didn't get it wrong now...) I didn't.

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DUE 3-24!



JOHN'S NOTES

One of the drawbacks of being a hellraiser instead of a toady brownnoser is the uncertainty it creates. A chairwarmer-type can just avoid trouble and controversy and, while never winning any praise or respect, can pretty well take for granted that he'll be left alone in his corner until he rots, since the number of honorable men who refuse such Civil Service types are few and far between. However, while I have long been a pain in the ass to the management at Harper, after six and a half years of telling them exactly when and where they screwed up badly, you tend to take that state for granted too. So, despite the many times I'd thought about quitting, and the many more times that assorted types there have no doubt thought about kicking my ass out the door, it still came as quite a surprise on Friday the 20th when, about 8 minutes after walking in the door, I found myself being hustled out of it.

It seems that ol' John here blew the whistle once too often. The computer system that I mentioned an issue or two back was the cause of this one. At the Controller's request, I had written up a memo that laid out in detail all of the myriad failings the system had, how none of the promises had come to pass, etc. I gave copies to everyone who asked (which was quite a few), including a delayed one to a fellow at the home office in Chicago who had asked to be kept informed "off the record". Well, it seems that it must have actually been READ by someone who mattered (damn hard to find in the People's Energy System!) and the questions that it raised came back to haunt the very Controller who had asked for it in the first place. He got embarrassed (I guess someone assigned him some passing responsibility on this) and, in typical corporate fashion, took the easy path out of the quandry of "Should I solve the problem, or get rid of the complainer?" I was "asked to resign", and that was that. He himself was VERY upset, barely able to make coherent sentences as he talked/berated me. I don't know if I was supposed to cry or beg or what, but hell, I'd been ready to tell them to fuck off so many times that I was at least ready for that. I turned up two quick palms and said "You got it!" Nothing more to be said, so I walked out to my office and started taking down my clock. Fortunately I just "happened" to have an old shopping bag in a drawer, so I loaded up my junk, mostly food and game materials, and left. Oh, I did stop in to tell my crew I'd been canned. They were quite shocked, and frankly I was a little touched by their reaction. I mean, for someone as gross and uncouth as I am, always making vulgar suggestions and the like, it was nice to see the care they showed. I think that if you treat your clerks as if they were people no different than you, (other than maybe having bigger tits), and entitled to at least as much consideration as the fatcat bastards at the top of the empire's heap, you will find that people like working for you, even if you are less than their Ideal Man for a date. I always let them do the job and assumed it got done if I didn't hear otherwise. If they're sitting around yakking on the phone, I just take it to mean that we're all caught up. Two times I got burned a little by so assuming, but those employees didn't last too long. The others, perhaps surprisingly, in fact rose to meet those expectations, and I had one of the most competent sections in the company. Often our "reward" was getting one of my own always assigned as a standby for the switchboard, a shit job, because we could spare someone when larger but less competent sections somehow could not, but I told them it was just because they were good and we had a disproportionate share of pretty faces. That

was no lie. I also had the only male clerk in the company (the Equal Opportunity types like that), and the only black until two months ago when two more were hired (one's already gone, the other is asking to be reassigned). Having a male clerk is a great idea. You see, when they come along and stick a head in your door and say, 'We've got some drawers to be moved', or 'could you help us with this typewriter?', or "someone puked on the floor, so the Pres wants some accountants to come mop it up", you can point down the hall and say, "my man will be glad to help you out". And if you had a clerk's job, shovelling shit would be a welcome break.

Well anyway, I didn't even bother going home. I went straight to Dunhill Personnel, known for being all-fee-paid and where Pilant has been lining up his next spot for some months, and got started on the next job right away. They were less than enthusiastic, being down with a big case of Friday Fever, but the girl did recommend that I go to another agency that was run by a former Dunhill supervisor. That turned out to be the trick. I went there that afternoon, and it was a small but "hungry" office: they were out to do business, not wait for calls to come in, and they got me an appointment for the first thing Monday morning while I was right there talking to them! Well, about 7 years ago, Harper was the first place I interviewed at, and I was hired before I could get to the second interview. I didn't expect to do that well again, although I was hoping, but it helped a lot to have "someplace to go" Monday morning already. Now me, I wasn't really worried. I know both sides of oil & gas accounting, 6½ year record all at one place, etc., so you could hardly have written a better background for finding work in Okla City if you were making it up. I didn't worry, but my wife sure did! For some reason, the instant loss of 60% of your income bothers wives, even those who, like mine, were fortunate enough to be in a household that wasn't living from one check to the next. (Of course I did get paid for the 3 weeks of vacation I would have had this year too). Anyhow, as it turned out, lightning struck a second time, and I found myself hired on the spot at the first place I tried. It is something of a piece of moral satisfaction in pulling off something like that. I'm now with a smaller firm, but one growing faster; I have 30 miles to drive each way instead of the old 22, and I have to be here 30 minutes earlier, but on the other hand, I'm making a little more money than Harper gave me last year, I don't have to pay for parking, and as Shaffer said (who works near where I now am), "You don't have to worry about some wino puking on your car in the lot either", which is all too true if you could see our old part of downtown Oklahoma City. This place is more people-oriented, too. At Harper, you were lucky to get coffee, and had to make it yourself. Here, there's free coffee, hot chocolate, instant soup mixes, lite lunches, cider mix, something called "hot nog" (not bad stuff); our own microwave, a full sized refrigerator for 6 of us when Harper had a 30" one for the whole 10th floor; free cokes, and a newly-installed ice maker, even though these are temporary quarters from which we'll move again in just 90 days. I have less work to do, as I'm now staff instead of supervisor, yet aside from the driving, I'm a lot better off. I seriously doubt that Harper will be able to say the same. Oh, they won't collapse without me, but for all the time I was there, a lot of stuff that came along (like Windfall Tax) just was taken over by ol' John, and all anyone ever knew about it was "Oh, John does that". I suppose a lot of the oldtimers thought I did a lot of sitting around and fucking off (which wasn't always incorrect) and not much else, but I think they'll start finding out in about 60 days when the problems come up. You see, they don't even have anyone there who can TRAIN a new person. They could try hiring an experienced man from outside, pissing off a few who had hoped to move up; or they can try and promote from within and hope like hell

* free donuts every day

that they can just learn it as they go, like I did as it came out. Either way, there are going to be problems. There are already more than a few sections headed up by people who run them for reasons that do not exactly include broad experience or depth at the job. There are other sections headed up by people who wouldn't say boo if you shit in their face (these are the ones most loved by management). But you try and process \$4 million a month through someone that fits one of those molds, and you're going to be in trouble. It's all up to the Controller now.

He may have his point, too. After all, as he sees it, he was the victim of a dastardly and disloyal stab in the back. Maybe I should have sat back and let the place go right on down the tubes like the rest were doing. On the other hand, given a choice of a job there or my self-respect, their job is SOL. As I see it, I did my duty, and if they don't like it, they can go bite it, whether it gets embarrassing or not.

Well, why use up two and a half pages of your space on this? One reason is to explain why I'm taking the "break" between 84 and 85. I was sick most of my last week, then the week I had off before starting, and as I type this at the end of the first week of March, I'm still not in too good a shape. However, I feel a lot better, having put myself into a new spot already. No matter what your attitude is, getting kicked out isn't really a laughing matter, but I'm glad I was employed at least prospectively on the very next working day, and of course, the BRUTUS BULLETIN goes on. I was forced to switch off of Harper's machine some months ago, so that will be no problem. I'm still looking at BB 100 off in the distance of the end of this year sometime. Neither unemployment nor disease will stop this. (Although you may wish...)

John

THIS ISSUE'S COVER is not really the fake that you might think it is. It is adopted from the phonetic chart given below, which came in on some kind of advertising in one day's junk mail.

The adapted Egyptian alphabet puts your name in hieroglyphics

 A	 B	 C	 D	 E	 F
 G	 H	 I	 J	 K	 L
 M	 N	 O	 P	 Q	 R
 S	 T	 U	 V	 W	 X

Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics

are a writing method that utilizes pictures to render the various sounds of the spoken language. Historians have been able to translate these pictures in the sounds of our alphabet. The translation, being based on the way a word or name sounds, may differ from the precise way it is spelled. Silent letters may be omitted. For example, Diane is properly translated as



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E-G FAIL TO FOLLOW MOSES: SEPARATION FAILS
ITALY CONTINUES TO READ ANGLO-PRUSSIAN MIND IN BALKANS
DRAW FAILS

March 9, 1981

Winter, 1913:

England builds F EDI; Germany builds A BER, A MUN; Italy removes
A Apu, F Tyn OTB

SPRING, 1914:

ENGLAND (Blant): F StPnc-BAR; F Nat-MID; F Mid-WES; F Wes-TYN; F LYO
S F Wes-Tyn; F TUS S English A Rom; F Tun-Ion/NSU;
A TUN U, H; F Ion-EAS; F ENG, NTH H; A SEV-Arm; A Lon-WAL

GERMANY (Cummings): A UKR-Rum; A BER-Kie; F KIE-Den; F DEN H; A Bur-MAR;
A TRI-Bud; A VIE & A GAL S A Tri-Sud; A Mun-TYO; A Tyo-
VEN; A Ven-APU; A ROM S A Ven-Apu

ITALY (Grabar): A BUD-Tri; A SER & F ALB S A Bud-Tri; F Nap-ION; A ARM-
Sev; F AEG S F Nap-Ion

RUSSIA (Kirchner): A RUM S Italian A Ser; F Bulec-BLA

TURKEY (Becker): F GRE-Aeg

There are calls for an E-G draw and an EGRI draw. NVR will equal Yes,
and if both pass, the EGRI will take precedent. Last turn I failed to
list A TUN H, altho it was on Kerry's orders. I hope I didn't contribute
to the mixup above. FALL, 1914 will be due with my mail received at home
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1981. Press will follow COA.

COA: Kerry Blant, to P O Box 263, Decatur, IL 62525 (217)428-0028 eff. now

Press:

ROME: Many, many years left in this game.

BER-NAP: Mang on much longer and all you'll see is a loser!

ENG-IT: There will be an E-G draw with or without your survival.

ATHENS: I have been advised by my master to request a separation of seasons;
as always, slaves revolt and vote no.

CLASSIFIEDS:

- * Collectibles/war memorabilia wanted. \$ for Nazi relics. Contact M. Boerman.
- * ARAB GELDING: Purebred 7 yrs old, very gentle.
- * SHEEP & LAMBS: Suffolk bred ewes. Call for details.
- * ATTENTION NOVICE DIP PUBLISHERS: AB Dick 695 copier—take over lease \$89 mo.
- * WANTED: Knowledge of whereabouts of Martin Boerman. Write Box 12, UN Plaza
- * CORDOBA '75: Large V8 with dual mounted 20mm cannons front, s/a nikes rear. Battle tested. \$275,000
- * SINGLES: Meet sincere, beautiful people. Subscribe to the BRUTUS BULLETIN ((gag))
- * ITALY ON SALE: Leaving mid April. Rome, Naples, Venice. Escorted by Kerry. Call Cummings Travel.
- * CHUNG'S TAE KWON DO: Diplomers special, fending off knife attacks. Sat only.
- * BUYING gold, silver, rare metals, or will trade for gas & oil. Ralph's Amoco.
- * MATA HARA'S brothel offers entertainent nightly.
- * We buy and sell information. Kirchner & Sons.
- * ATTN ALL MICKS! Anual Meeting St Paddy's Day. Uber Hall.
- * FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC: Closed to public, currently under quarentine.
- * M.B. Please come home, your junta needs you. A.H.
- * BINGO! Tuesday, Firefighter's Hall, 7th floor Hilton, Las Vegas.
- * DMSO: The wonder drug. 4 oz bottle \$9.95
- * MEETING: Stab Aholacs Anonymous-Mon. Uber Hall

PLAYERS RACE TO OUTFUMBLE EACH OTHER. CONCESSION FAILS.

Summer, 1910: French A Pic r BRE

FALL, 1910:

ENGLAND (Reese): F NAF-Tun; F SPasc-GLyo; F STPsc H; F BAL S A Ber;
 A BER S F Lvn-Pru; F NTH C A Lon-Den; A Lon-DEN; A GAS H;
 A PAR S F Pic-Gas; F PIC-Gas/imp.; A RUH S A Hol-Kie; A Hol-KIE;
A BUR-Mun; F Iri-MID; F WES S ((Fr)) F Tun-Naf/NSO

FRANCE (Columbo): A Mun-Bur/ann.; A BRE-Gas; A Pie-MAR; F TUS S ((Tk)) F
GLyo/OTM; F TUN S ((Tk)) F Tyn-Wes

TURKEY (Guajardo): A Boh-MUN; A Gal-BOH; A Mos-LVN; A Pru-Ber/d/r War, Otb;
 A Rum-UKR; A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A TRI S A Tyo; A TYO S A Boh-Mun;
F ADR-Ven; F APU-Ven; F ION S Fr F Tun; F GLYO-Spasc; F TYN-Wes

1910:

E: Home Nwy Swe StP Den Bel Hol Kie Ber ~~Ere~~ Par Spa Por ~~Man~~
 F: Mar Ven Rom Nap Tun BRE

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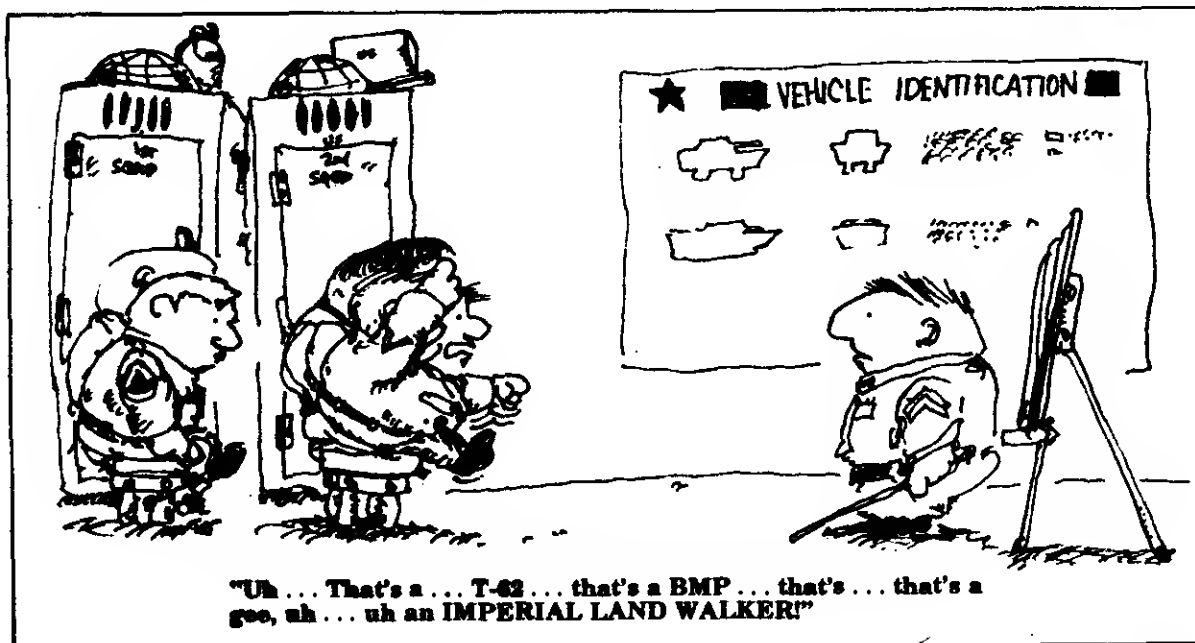
T: Home Bul Ser Gre Rum Bud Sev Mos War Vie Tri MUN

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Seems as though no one spent a whole lot of time going over their moves. Had the attack on Tunis been made with F Wes instead, the WesMed would have been lost. The attack on what should have been Brest is an annoying delay. All nationalities in double brackets are implied by the order, not stated, which is legal here under the unambiguous oversight rule, but we get some strange results, such as the order for F WES. Well, I'll list whatever you guys want to write down.

SPRING, 1911 along with the winter '10 adjustments will be due with my mail received here MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1981. There are calls for an EFT draw, and an FT draw. NVR will = yes to the EFT, no to the FT. Press follows.

Con-Lon: Surely you don't intend to hold me to agreements made under duress with a government intoxicated with its own sense of meglomania? Put aside these delusions of grandeur and share in a general European peace.



IRKSOME!

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FEBRUARY 28, 1981

WHO IS ALLIED WITH WHOM? ONLY SURE THING IS NOBODY WITH EITHER RUSSIA OR AUSTRIA

IRKSOME #1 (80LM)
FALL 1902

AUSTRIA(Pilant) A Bud-SER; A GAL-Vie; A Tri S A Gal-Vie (d, ret Try,Bud,OTB).
ENGLAND(Vaughan) A Nwy-STP; F Ska-SWE; A Lon-NWY; F NTH C A Lon-Nwy.
FRANCE(Sherwood) A Bur-BEL; F ENG S A Bur-Bel; A PAR-Bur; A SPA puts down revolt;
F Mao-charges into-TRI.
GERMANY(Stephens) A HOL-Bel; A RUH-Bur; A SIL-War; F DEN S Eng F Ska-Swe;
F KIE S F Den.
ITALY(Palter) F Apu-ADR; F ION S A Alb; A Ven-TRI; A ALB S A Ven-Tri;
A VIE S A Ven-Tri.
RUSSIA(Gariepy) F Swe-Nwy (d, ret Fin,OTB); A Sev-JKR; A RUM H; A WAR H;
F BLA S A Rum.
TURKEY(Wilson) A Ank-ARM; A BUL S F Gre; F GRE S A Bul.

1902 SUPPLY CENTERS	TOT	B/R
AUS Ser Vie Tri Gal BUD	2	rem 1 (rem 0 if A Tri R OTB)(1 ann)
ENG Home Nwy SWE STP	6	bld 2
FRA Home Por Bel SPA	6	bld 1
GER Home Hol Den	5	even
ITA Home Tun Vie TRI	6	bld 1
RUS War Mos Sev Tri Gal RUM	4	rem 1 (rem 0 if F Swe R OTB)
TUR Home Bel GRE	5	bld 2 (was 1 short)
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Underlined moves fail, CAPS denote final resting place of a unit. The two retreats, Winter 1902 builds and removals, and Spring 1903 moves are due at noon CST on March 14, 1981. Spring 1903 will be delayed until the next deadline if at least 4 players request it. Don't forget you can make your spring moves conditional on other players builds and removals. This is a busy weekend for me, so this probably won't be mailed until Monday. My folks are up for the Minn.-Mich. St. game tonite. One of our players, who shall remain nameless, but his initials are Keith Sherwood, has been making quite a name for himself over in Voice of Doom. "Tro" Sherwood does have a nice ring to it... Just for him, Tro will be a legal abbreviation for Tyrolia here, but only in this game and only for Keith. Don't forget I have openings for IRKSOME #2. \$3 for EB subbers, price is higher because I'm an established GM now. On with...

THE PRESS

CEDARHURST-PILANT: Do you really exist or are you just a mail drop for Michalski?

IRKSOME: The world may never know...

PILANT-SHERWOOD: Don't you know that Nazi's don't let fags join?

IRKSOME: I don't know about that one, I'll have to ask my commanding officer.

BER-STP: Let's patch things up. What do you say?

SILESIA-BRAD WILSON: Oh, ya, Bruce Springsteen. Isn't he the one who takes all the hits of Manfred Mann and turns them into little known songs?

THE PRESS GOES ON...

ITALY-AUSTRIA: I hope you enjoy your last brief moments in this game.

FRA,GER & RUS-ENG: Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.

IRKSOME: Ah, but the question is, who is tolling the bell?

Q: What's the difference between a genealogist and a gynocologist? A: One looks up your family tree, and the other looks up your family bush.

??? : Hey Scott, is it true the big ool saying on the U of M campus is "Gopher it"?

GERMANY-GM: I guess it must have been the drugs that caused you to make my F Den into a A Den, eh?

GM-GERMANY: Who's on drugs around here? That's always been a F Den. I think you've spent too much time in the sun.

ENG&GER-RUS: That's right, keep on attacking Turkey, and wee'll take all of the North, SUCKER!

CON-IRK: How do the Big 10 playoffs look this year? Will the Gophers go anyplace? As long as OHIO STATE and INDIANA go nowhere, I don't care who else does! Oh how I hate Ohio State! And Knight is a dick.

IRKSOME: Well, the top 5 finishers in the Big 10 should be invited to the NCAA. The Gophers are finally getting their shit together, and if they win this Thursday at Michigan they will have no problem getting in, especially with their wins over Louisville and North Carolina and the big win at Iowa. I'm afraid both your favorites will be in as well. You should be a hockey fan. Minnesota is #1 in the country and they won the WCHA, and the OSU hockey program is bush league.

GERMANY-TURKEY: What's to go limp? He just gets out one of his favorite 10 inch dildos and pouts and fusses admiring himself in the mirror.

NTH SEA-ITALY & CON: A couple of seasons ago it was "Fuck John Lennon" and now it's "Fuck the world!"? This game is the most perverted I've played yet. Fuck yourselves or, better yet, fuck each other. You two were made for each other.

PILANT: The \$500 is on the way!

FRA-GER: Aren't you ever home?? Please call me immediately!!!

SPAIN: Reports are still filtering in on the attempted coup last Monday. An ultra right wing force led by Brad Wilson and John Michalski and rumored to be supplied by England tried to take over the parliament. Luckily, however, the French army moved in quickly to put down the rebellion. The French government issued a statement to the effect that it would protect all her allies by force if necessary.

EDI-MUN: I'm wondering myself.

KONRAD BAUMEISTER'S SECOND FAVORITE JOKE: Dave Gareipy was a nobody, and he knew it. He wanted to become somebody, so he decided to get into the Guinness Book of World Records. He decided to set the record for the shortest time if counting the slits between boards in a pier. Next month, with the world's press watching, he went to California to try for the record. At 8:00 sharp, the gun sounded, the clock started, and Dave began counting; "1,2,3,4,..." He was running faster and faster, and didn't notice he was fast approaching the end of the pier. An old man fishing at the end of the pier watched as the strange man ran towards him; "1029, 1030, 1031..." He kept watching as Dave ran off the pier and into the water, at which point he leaned over the rail and shouted, "Dummy, when you're out of slits, you're out of pier."

PARIS: When the French State Radio went out in the spring of '02, Emery was called in to transport the needed parts to New Mexico. One other company said maybe, another "absolutely, positively not." Within months the station was broadcasting attacks again and receiving the same. Come on, Wilson and Pilant, why so muted? It's no fun if you can't fight back. I guess you arch conservatives don't have any staying power in Diplomacy, either!

IRKSOME

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FEBRUARY 28, 1981

YOU SUCKERS DID IT AGAIN! YOU TRYING TO BECOME A MANIACAL OR WHAT...

LON-PAR: With that kind of a rear defense, somebody is going to get a little offensive.

NORTH POLE (Michalski is in Oklahoma, thereby qualifying himself as the West Pole): In contrast to the real wars between Germany and France, and Austria and Italy, the pitiful attempt by Russia and Turkey to believe they are fighting by cancelling out over Armenia was transparent. You two have a rock-solid alliance and we know it.

SHAGGY DOG, PART ONE: One day a little boy named Scott Hanson was playing in the schoolyard during recess when he overheard a girl say "purple violet." Scott was perplexed since he never heard these words before. So he went and asked his teacher, Maris. "What did the little girl say, Scott?" she asked. "Purple violets." Maris screamed, "You disgusting little boy! I always knew you were a pervert. Go to the principal right this moment and never come back to my class again."...(to be continued) MARIE'S FAN MAIL...

BOBBY-MARIE: Do I remember you? Who could forget that sultry, sensuous voice? Not me!! I'll see what I can do about Easter.

KEITH-MARIE: Come on, baby! What about my voice when I talked to you? I'm much sexier than Stephens--he's old and degenerate anyway (and he's Texan, need I say more?) and I'm more your age. Why don't you come to Los Alamos and visit me, and we'll stay up til dawn watching the rockets' red glare and the A-bombs exploding. What do you say?

BOBBY-MARIE: I'll be there. Do you want me to bring the whips and chains?

Marie would answer her mail, but she went home this weekend. I'm sure she would send her love to you all. She and I and a few others checked out the REO Speedwagon concert last weekend. Marie's absolutely in love with the group. I think they went quite commercial on their new album, but we in the Midwest have been REO fans for years, and it's about time the rest of the country discovered them. Check out the You Can Tune a Piano... album for their best effort. I'm not going to ramble on for the rest of the page, so....

Scott Hanson, 701 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 Phone:(612)623-0283 before midnight



GAMESMASTERS SCOTT HANSON
AND DICK MARTIN IN TRAINING
AT NAZI/KLAN HEADQUARTERS
IN ALABAMA

DEATH TO PERLMUTTER!!!

Endgame statement, 1979 IZ Scott Palter

I feel that my Austrian friend missed the point. McCarty was impossible to work with and EG was an opening move fact. Given that the game was an exercise in poor tactics and worse coordination. It says something for McCarty's level of intelligence that even with an offer to give him my centers, he had to say no and then mangle the stab so badly that he only got half of them. Properly handled with real coordination, he could have picked up all four over two full turns while I held the line further west. Instead he threw away his only real chance at a win. But then it fits the player.

BRUX THE TERROR? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING

An article by John Caruso

You gotta be kidding, Linsey. You gave me your word of honor that this thing would be dropped. Our so-called feud is supposedly over, but there you go again.

I'd like to know who made Bruce Linsey the Custodian for creating rules for the hobby? Before you know it, Linsey will create rules on how to publish a zine. There is a bright side though: Bruce Linsey has only 1/3 page of rules for feuding, compared to his ten pages of houserules for Diplomacy. Be that as it may, it would be easier to read and follow the rules for feuding than the dip rules, so why not join a feud in VOD? By the way Bruce, have you sent a copy of the rules to the Hatfields and the McCoys? They've been feuding for what seems like forever and I'm sure they'd be interested in your rules.

Just think Bruce, if you put as much effort into creative writing as you do into controversies and feuds, you may find yourself involved in less controversies and feuds and maybe, just maybe, you may even have more fun.

Anonymous Guest Contribution:

THE SLEAZE RETURNS

Hey youse guys! Da Sleaze is back! Tanks for da cardsn letters and all that stuff. Ya know I've been tinkin bout all that crap I wrote last time an I tink I'll change my mind about summa it. Now if youse guys will buy me a mind to change Ill be all set!

THE SLEAZE ON GUN CONTROL I tooken John-Boy's advice an gone an bot me a piece--chrome-plated S & W Megakill Mark VII wit da tellthesopic sites an the bivalve cams an a guarantee that runs right up till the first pieca lead blurps out. Just like da one John-Boy keeps unner his pillow! Anyway da Sleaze gotta report he shot imself in da foot first time out! Took me a whole box a ammo ta find da range--I ain't much on a marksman yet, can only rob small liquor stores--but when I connected, honey! it felt good. I gota say, I withdraws all my objectionses. Keep one in your shoe and one in your pants an dey won't mess wit you no more!

THE SLEAZE ON GAY ~~LID~~ Hey, you dint unnerstan las time! Anyway I wuz gonna go see dis dyke but ya know how much it is to fly to Holland dese days? Hell wit it!

THE SLEAZE ON CONSERVATIVES I dont like em. Look here, dis Raygun been in orfice a whole month and whats he done? Sweet Fanny Adams he done! Sure he gave a buncha speeches--the Sleaze can make speeches too and I dint see nobody voting for me! Let's trow da bum out an put some other bum in an let's get those fares to Holland down okay? How bout dat Jerry Falwell? Betcha dint know what da Sleaze does wit his spare time when he's not writing dese letters, didja? Like Jerry sez, yer damn right!

March 1, 1981

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Here are two quotes from the book, "The Big Bands", 1974 by George T. Simon:

From the interview with Artie Shaw, pp. 549-550, "And what about what the Beatles have contributed musically? 'Not very much. Basie has done more. Ellington has done more. I did more. Goodman did more. We did something musically. These people haven't done very much musically. Sure, they wrote some fairly nice songs, but then so did Cole Porter, and so did Larry Hart and so did Rodgers. So did Hammerstein. As I said, the Beatles have written some fairly good things, but you're not going to ask me to take 'We All Live in a Yellow Submarine' very seriously, are you? I mean, hardly as a musical statement.'"

From the interview with Stan Kenton, p. 540, "'As far as the Beatles are concerned, I think most of their music is still children's music.' When Stan wants to make a point, he talks very slowly - for him. 'If the Beatles can be credited with one thing,' he almost drawled, 'it is that they came along and they made fans out of six- and seven-year-old kids. They took it down that low. And the adults went for that stuff, because I think it's natural that an adult feels a kid is more perceptive and hip. And so they started looking at those things and started reading things into them. But there really wasn't anything there. It's just children's music. You compare the Beatles' lyrics with those of some great writers like Johnny Burke, Johnny Mercer, Jimmy Van Heusen or Sammy Cahn - are we kiddin' each other?'"

"Fifty percent of Americans are beneath twenty-five years old today. Does that mean the rest of us have to live like kindergartners? But radio is programmed today to appeal to the young kids. TV is now geared to the eight- and ten-year-old mentality. Where the hell do people go that are hungry for something more sophisticated? Do they have to eat all that st all the time? To me, you look at pop art and that's what you see on kindergarten walls. That's not mature. There's nothing there.'"

The Spotlight, January 5, 1981 reported the following excerpt by Hal Gould, a columnist for the Gaithersburg Gazette: "I deplore the current effort to attempt to deify John Lennon. I may be the only person in the land who feels this way, but I believe his philosophy was as dangerous to impressionable young minds as the gun that took his life. It has been said that the key to Lennon was his rebellious desire to go beyond the norm. It went far beyond hair, it went into the psychedelic era of hallucinogenic drugs, into transcendental meditation and into active resistance of the Vietnam War. The Beatles not only said they smoked pot, but also that they dropped acid. They have probably done more to encourage drug addiction in the world than any other musical group."

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National Review, December 31, 1980 and The American Spectator, February, 1981 did have some positive comments on Lennon. See copies enclosed.

I note, with interest, that many of your correspondents are "babes in the woods" on economic matters. For them, I would recommend "Shirtsleeve Economics", by William A Paton, PH.D., C.P.A., LITT.D., and Edwin Francis Gay University Professor of Accounting, University of Michigan. (Published by Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., New York, 1952)

Professor Paton's Prologue is a dream that he had one night. This dream induced him to write the book:

"I suddenly found myself overlooking a vast plain, the edges of which were lost in a sort of purple fog. In the central area stood an enormous glass-like vat or tank, open at the top, giving off vapors that strongly suggested hot Irish stew or mulligan. Surrounding this container were a great multitude of creatures, something like human beings but reminding one of recent pictures of imaginary visitors from Mars. Although varying in size and other characteristics a prominent feature of all was the paunch. I also noticed that all or nearly all of these weird creatures were equipped with two long pipes, a pouring-in pipe and a drawing-out pipe. The general practice seemed to be for each to spend considerable time and effort pouring in some ingredient which represented its special contribution to the stew and from time to time each would lay aside its pouring-in pipe and devote itself to sucking out from the top of the tank, through its other pipe, some of the savory mixture. As I watched this strange scene a change began to develop. More and more individuals began to neglect the pouring-in operation and spend an increasing amount of time at the business end of their drawing-out pipes. At first the change was not very noticeable and the majority went ahead with the intermittent activities of pouring in and drawing out. But as the number devoting their attention solely to consuming stew increased and the number actively engaged in pouring in dwindled, those who were continuing to pour in finally began to see what was going on. When this stage was reached - realization by the decreasing number of pour-inners that they were being exploited by the increasing number of draw-outers - the process of change moved with startling rapidity to a climax. In what seemed no longer than a matter of seconds the orderly rhythmic process of contributing and consuming disintegrated before my eyes. Almost with one accord the remaining contributors threw their pouring-in pipes away and frantically grabbed their drawing-out pipes. And as the contents of the tank rapidly declined under the mass attack the creatures set up a horrible howling and pressed toward the tank in a desperate effort to keep the ends of their pipes in contact with the falling level of the life-giving stew. In an instant, as often happens in dreams, what had been no more than interestingly disturbing became a frightening nightmare. In the final mad rush great numbers of the creatures were trampled to the ground around the base of the tank, and those temporarily surviving climbed on the bodies of the dead and dying in their struggle to reach the top and thus get within sucking distance of the fast-diminishing contents. The howling became unbearable, the pleasant odor was replaced by a terrible stench - and I woke up, literally in a cold sweat and with a feeling of nausea."

Robinson, conclusion

I also recommend, as food for thought on economic and related matters, two novels by Ayn Rand: "The Fountainhead" and "Atlas Shrugged".

Small World Department: Interesting to see reference to Mark Larzelere in your pages. Mark ie, I believe, the son of Ron Larzelere, who I have played a few games of correspondence chess, one of which was published in the May, 1973 issue of "Chess Correspondent". I'll enclose a copy of that game on the chance you may have some interest in the royal game.

Couple of further comments department:

I note one party wrote in your latest issue that he has "interests include sex and drugs and rock and roll." If he keeps up the interest in drugs, he won't be around that long to indulge himself in the other 'interests'!

In reference to the various record collections that have been presented, I would say that their tastes are very much akin to garbage.

Are you familiar with "Imprimis" published by The Center for Constructive Alternatives" at Milledale College? This is an excellent bulletin and it's FREE. I'll enclose a couple of copies for your perusal. Will also enclose some other stuff, any of which you don't want to wade through - just toss out.

Why not close on a light vein?

Young feller and his girl was out for a buggy ride. Pretty day. Pretty day in the summertime. As they neared this stream they seen a little boy fishing. Down by a big log folks used as their footbridge.

"Catch any fish?", the young feller asked.

"Yes, Mister", the little boy says.

"How big?"

"Big as your pecker, Mister", the little boy says.

Well sir. Young feller and his girl both dropped their heads, embarrassed. After they'd forded the stream and rode on a ways, young feller turned to his girl and smiled.

"I don't mean to be tossin' any bouquets my way", he said, "but that little boy's got hisself a nice mess of fish."

Told by a hoary farmer in black worsted; suspenders, high-topped work shoes, and boater in Solon Iowa.

((The piece on the chess game was a little too weak to come through well; I've sent it to a friend interested in chess. I can't read the orders well enough to be able to tell who won or who did what. I assume you won?

So far I've only been able to scan the huge heap of stuff you were kind enough to send. I don't think I've seen most of that stuff before. Looks pretty highbrow. Most of the rightist stuff I get in the mail tends to be at the other extreme: pro-Lifers, Christian militants, and the like. Nice to get a change of pace. At first, I thought it was my monthly envelope of GRAUSTARKS...))

J.M.

✓ Also, copy to Larzelere

Presumably Mike means Carlsberg Elephant Malt Liqueur, not beer. It costs \$4.50 here in DC for a 6-pack, so after the first case I decided to save my money. It's one hell of a good (and potent) malt liquor--and it's true, friends say, that after 2 bottles you're feeling good. It doesn't work all that quickly on me, but maybe that's a matter of practice, timing, etc. A six-pack of the stuff will put Paul Bunyan away.

I'm not so hot for Foster's--anything that you can buy in those massive motor oil canisters makes me suspicious. A "joke beer" by my definition is like the shit imported from the Congo or mainland China or Nepal that passes for beer. Good for a laugh--maybe more if you're a bottle collector.

(Aside to MM: That depends entirely on how many people actually believe in "God")

((excerpt from a later note:))

What's wrong with drugs? Reality is for people who can't handle drugs. I'm for total legalization of everything--and TAX it! Imagine the spectacular intake--it's a multibillion dollar industry. Same for prostitution, for that matter.

If Lennon had been carrying your bazooka 24 hrs/day and he might have had a chance, right?

((Would you shoot at a man carrying a bazooka?)) J.M.

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(Excerpts)

On economics: You are correct, a tax cut with a corresponding and equal cut in expenditures by government would not be inflationary due to the share of private income which is "saved" and not consumed,; however, considering the realities of our political system, we'll probably end up with the tax-cut, but not the spending cuts.

Double digit here we come!

((We're there now, remember. The "realities" are all too true, which is why I say that his cuts don't go nearly far enough. For instance, he proposes to cut back on the tobacco subsidy. There should be NO such subsidy, and it ought to be replaced with an outright tax for that matter. But politics in a representative state being what they are, the people growing the poison are too big to step on. That's why I'm not as enthusiastic about all this half-assed way of governing anymore, at all.)) J.M.

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Keep your rag coming and God bless the Sleaze!

((If you say so, Eric...)) J.M.

D S PALTER (Pink Dragon)

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Got the new issue. Do not really feel like arguing the question of 2 million vs 6 million and death camps vs mass starvation, etc. I believe that I can prove that "The Hoax of the Twentieth Century" and similar works are themselves a hoax--I was trained sufficiently as an historian and researcher to be able to assemble documentation--I merely see no reason to bother. Believe what you want, the facts are that the Final Solution DID HAPPEN. Whether the Germans and their allies offed 5, 6, or 7 million Jews--whether the total nonmilitary count was 10 or 12 or 20 million, Hitler's Reich was hardly something

Palter, continued

for twentieth century civilization to be proud of. Granted he was not the butcher of the century (that title goes to Mao on raw numbers, or to Uncle Joe on percentages), he was still not something you'd bring home to mother.

((Can't add much to that! Thanks for writing.)) J.M.

JOHN CARUSO (Whitestonia)

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I'm sorry, but I must disagree with you on some of your comments about Linsey's feuding rules. Either you send a copy to everyone who's slurred or blasted in your zine, or you don't send to anyone, unless of course it is upon their request. I don't care if Tretick is low-life crud (sorry, Dick), he is entitled to see what is being said about him as much as Bruce Linsey, you, me, and Joe Schmoe

Besides, who is there to judge a feud at present? No one person, or board, yet, but only the hobby at large. When you say the hobby expects you to follow these lines, more or less, you must certainly mean newcomers. I've seen a couple of feuds and been in one, and I have never seen anyone stick to any so-called "rule" all the time. There is no one to call foul, no one to enforce the rules, so no one will follow them. Besides, if a feud can be resolved privately, and not go public, it's not a feud. And how can you agree cheap shots are wrong, but name calling is OK in its place? Come on, John. Name calling is a form of cheap shot. Calling someone a fool is one thing, calling them an asshole or ass-faced is something else. Don't you agree? Just thought of a good idea. How about we talk Dick Martin into creating rules for everything that pops up in the hobby? His HRs are thorough. I'm sure he can create a most complete and all-encompassing set of rules for everything.

((Did you mean to say Linsey? Why ruin Dick's reputation any more than all that sick press ~~I submit~~ he prints up in RETALIATION?

I agree there is a difference between calling someone an asshole and a fool. Were someone to call me a fool (outside of LE FRONT), it would almost sound as though they were saying something about me. On the other hand, to call someone an asshole says something only about the name-caller, namely, that he doesn't have a high regard for the attackee. Apparently the term "cheap shot" has some different meanings to different people. Konrad Baumeister also wrote in something to me in that regard, and it doesn't sound to me as though you, I, or he have the same idea in mind at all. You are right that the hobby at large is the only arbiter, which is an important reason for going public with feuds. As to sending Tretick copies, I must disagree. After all, one of the main reasons for printing his puke is to continuously slander the majority of credible hobbyists around, none of whom get courtesy copies of his, er, product. Why then should honest people send their product to him? If he wants to keep up to date, he can ask the many GGMS he's picked up in his effort to make his act look cleaner, what they see around the hobby. Many of them are subbers right here, and also in such places as GRAUSTARK I see.

On the "rules", all I can see is that maybe Linsey was pointing to what he saw as an "ideal". You're right that they never will be obeyed across the board. Remember that my endorsement said, "this is the way to go if you want to look your best in a feud", in effect.)) J.M.

((Another piece on this matter from John C appears elsewhere this issue))

This is a bad time to resub, isn't it? With the increase in postal rates I mean. But some times I can't do without and BB is one. I am sending a check for \$4.00 but let me know what additional amount to send, when you do adjust them. Just keep BB coming!

Speaking of the postal increase, I was at the post office getting stamps today and the clerk said there that now they are hearing March 20th as a target date for new rates of 18¢/12¢. Maybe you can get another issue in by then.

I work for the post office, but I work nights in bulk mail---not the "glamor" of the postal carrier. The contract comes up for renewal in July with talks starting in April. The last contract was negotiated three years ago which was before I worked for them so I don't know what to expect. We are prevented by law from striking and at any rate, the postal workers should not strike. I think we are overpaid and overworked.

Several times in the last two months the P.O. has taken away one of our two off-days which means overtime pay. They really need to hire more people. The hangup is that they don't want to shell out all the benefits like annual leave and sick leave etc.

What galls me is that we are forced to work extensive amounts of overtime that most of us do not want and really do not need (But let's face it, whatever money you get, you find something to spend it on!).

For what they pay one of us on overtime, they could hire two casual workers (who are temporary workers with no benefits at all) and save money. They are so stupid. It makes me sick when so many people are out of work and could use the money and we are worked beyond what we want and don't need the money.

A thought on BB. You publish more frequently than once a month. Have you thought of a package deal like VOD has for either 10 issues or 25 issues? You could always, as you say, adjust your balance later. Well gotta go to work so I have to eat and get dressed.

((People can sign up for as many issues as they like; the resub rate right now is a simple 3/\$1, and I'll prorate that for any amount sent. On the other hand, when the rates go up, I will prorate the balances too. The new postage may exceed the 33¢ I get for non-trades.

I flipped flats for 3½ months myself. Another big problem is the emphasis on equipment. It costs millions, doesn't work, and the people getting the maintenance jobs are those picked strictly on a basis of seniority in the incredibly strong postal union. Most of them I saw were in completely over their heads. Better to put up more pigeon holes--really--and give more people a nice PS5 slot sorting mail. And fire 3 out of every 4 people wearing suits in any postoffice. I'm not holding my breath, though.)) J.M.

((PS: What EE did you really print? They all look alike to me.))

MARK BERCH (Diplomacy Digest)

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In BB #81, Randolph Symth politely explains tht his non-renewal is nothing personal. The problem is that "with an "anything goes" policy ... all contributors have a tendency to sink to that level. If you are making 2 contributions, one good and one a piece of garbage, the good one will be printed elsewhere but the crap and slander is naturally sent off to poor ol' John. It soon reaches the point anything except character assassinations/defenses/counterattacks will go elsewhere because BB has developed that specialized reputation." Your graciously say you'd have been surprised if he had re-upped, and aver as if perhpas RS is exaggerating a bit. All very polite. Well, RS has a tidy theory, with the dirty stuff driving out the clean like bad money driving out the good. The only problem is, RS is dead wrong on his facts.

If this trend has been continuing, then #81 should be reaching a high point of it. So lets have a look at the issue for "crap" and "character assassinations" and garbage -- the stuff RS isn't that interested in anymore. He complains that there is not enough of "you" (Michalski)

#81 starts off with a pleasant 2 pages of JM, with hobby news, talk about BB and other relatively tame stuff. Connor discusses his zine, with some mild mannered defenses

of same, expresses regret at Pelmutter's departure. John Kador discusses John Lennon's death and gun control. Palter discusses Polish history and Gun control. Ozog checks in with a bit of humor. Hansen checks in with a letter that could be called crap, but is clearly designed to be humor, tho it was supposedly in defense against Perlmutters comments.

The Bruce Linsey checks in with a delightful letter which, along with som JM responses runs nearly 4 pages. He discusses the Lennon editorial, his hopes for Ronald Reagan and world peace, and makes a request that he not be attacked in BB press. He makes some interesting comments about prices for zines, his Rulebook discussion in VOD, and the philosophical attitude he took toward compiling the material for the novice hadnbook (making the valid point that it was not designed to be a "neutral" publication.) More interesting comments follow on his own attitude toward the use of HouseRules and has some comments on weeding out criminals. As for the controversial stuff, he defends himself rather calmly aga inst some comments made by Wilson, and his comments about Arnett's criticisms are mostly done in humor. Wislson checks in with some critical material, but its fairly short, not all of its is serious, and most touches on the Holocaust issue. Mills jumps on Perlmutter briefly, but most of his letter is on gun control and his favorite records. Along with Smyth's letter, that's it for the non-game material. In short, the material that RS objects to simply does not amount to a major part of the issue. Nor was this a fluke. #82 is much the same, with only the Wilson letter even possibly qualifying for RS's shit list. I'm not saying every issue is like this. #79 was one of the rougher ones. But the fact of the matter is, things just haven't worked out in BB the way RS's theory indicates they would. I have read a lot of old zines in the process of collecting reprint material for DD. In my opinion, BB has had the livliest --- and best --- lettercol that has ever appeared in a U.S. dipzine, and RS is going to really miss out.

((I'm a little embarrassed to run this, but what the heck. I ought to be able to pat myself on the back once in a while, right? Thanks much, Mark.)) *J.m.*

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Well, the introductory offer's just about over, and the only person that took advantage was you! (Actually, a couple of people, including Dick Martin, sent in \$5.50, but I gave them 40¢-an-issue credit.) That means that Jack Masters got the most free issues - one.

Speaking of Dick Martin, he called me up a couple of nights ago at 10:20 (that's PST-in Rockville, that's 1:20 AM) to discuss THIRD REICH. Anyway, he told me to put him in my next Diplomacy game, and then he told me to tell Kathy Byrne about it because "now that (Dick) was signed up, she'd be glad to join." Would it be right for me to put in capital letters in my next issue (of LOM), "DICK MARTIN CHALLENGES KATHY BYRNE RIGHT HERE"? (That's one way to boost circulation.)

Now speaking of Bloodsucker herself, I have a few comments about guns & gun control. If you've been reading your newspapers lately (try underneath the obituaries), you've probably noticed that the San Francisco MUNI (i.e. buses, although on the marina on North Beach near the Golden Gate Bridge it's spelled "busses") has had a rash of driver killings in the past few months. Time and time again have I heard the SFPD chief say, "We intend to put officers on buses", and time and time again have I seen guys with guns attack and get away. Lately, it's spread to Oakland, and Berkeley could very well be next. After

Del Grande, conclusion

all, it wasn't more than a month ago (probably 2 months by the time it's printed) when some guy had a shootout with a cop (all right, policeman) (police OFFICER) (it WAS a man, though) about a block and a half from where I'm typing this from.

Death penalty? It's supposedly done in California, though there's a "special circumstance" law (i.e. killing a **peace officer**, killing because of race or sex, etc.), and even that doesn't help. Look at the Darlin June Cromer (or however it's spelled) trial. She was charged with killing a 5-year-old black child and later saying that "Everyone should kill a (black person)" (or words to that effect), but the jury gave her life imprisonment because "Cromer's psychiatric problems may have contributed to the racism she expressed...", even though the jury found her sane at the time of the shooting.

Did I bring up sanity? That obviously leads to the Dan White trial. Seems White resigned from his post as an S.F. Supervisor, but later asked for the job again. Mayor Moscone was going to announce a new man for the post and turned White down. The announcement was to come one hour after then-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Feinstein announced that Moscone, along with supervisor Harvey Milk, had been shot.

A few hours later, White confessed to the crime. After a lengthy trial, the jury found him guilty of manslaughter, and he was given 7 years because of his mental condition. (It hadn't been decided how much of that time he'd spend in the reformatory at Vacaville and the rest in prison - but he wasn't sent to San Quentin for fear that he might be killed by the prisoners.) The night of the verdict, a massive riot took place at City Hall, with 12 police cars being surrounded by citizens, and an attempt by supervisor Carol Ruth Silver to stop or even lower the noise ended up with Silver getting hit on the head with a glass bottle.

By the way, San Quentin hasn't had anybody die in the gas chamber since 1965. If they aren't going to use it, why waste the taxpayers' money with the thing? The two seats can be turned into dandy thrones for Ronnie and Nancy....

One last thing: Kathy said "(her) father taught his four daughters...." There are THREE MORE LIKE KATHY LOOSE SOMEWHERE?

((I wish they were somewhere around here!)) J.M.

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I wanna sub! Something really classy, 'bout 120 feet long with air conditioning and auto pilot. No nukes though!

PS I'll bet you get more than your share of "Dear John" letters, huh?

((Yeah, but I don't notice them. It's all the other strange stuff that somehow manages to find its way to me that makes the impression.)) J.M.

BOB OLSEN

(excerpt)

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PS: Isn't it illegal to use fake government forms like you did on the cover of the last BB? If so, try and get assigned to Leavenworth. I'll come visit.

((That's the kind of subber support that pubbers really appreciate.

For the record, it wasn't a form, just a cover letter, and the return address block lists me, not the government. I'm sure Buddy-Bernie is checking it out, though, just like Century Pipe and Supply Co....)) J.M.

Greetings! John, I know that you are a respected member of the postal Diplomacy hobby. That is one of the reasons that I am writing to you about this matter of the hobby mascot election. Also, I know your BB is widely read, and if you think what I wish to bring up is relevant, I wish that you would print this in your zine. Ahem! Ahem!

Although I do not necessarily feel that the postal Dip hobby is in need of a mascot, I have nevertheless cast my vote for my choice. Before I am called a hypocrite, let me say that the American right to vote is one of our most important freedoms, and I have chosen to use my right to vote.

In the good old U.S.A., every four years Americans vote for the man they feel should be President. This election only takes place after the numerous primary elections and national party conventions have been done and over with. Then the entire process repeats itself four years later.

Now the hobby is in the process of selecting a mascot, and not a mascot for a limited time period, say four years, but a permanent mascot. Now, if the hobby wants a mascot, that's fine with me. I do feel that the coming election should be more-or-less a primary election. This primary election could be used to narrow the field of candidates down to a reasonable number, e.g. five. After the final candidates have been selected, a short campaign period to promote the finalists could take place.

Although I am a new member of the hobby, during the time that I have been involved, there have been several polls conducted, zine polls, player polls, etc. I have no idea as to the number of people in our hobby, but the polls that I have seen have had very few people responding. I feel that an election as important as the one the hobby is now involved in should strive to have as many hobby people voting as possible. Should our mascot be selected by less than 10-15% of the hobby participants. I think not. Should this 10-15% of the hobby spread out its votes for all, or even most, of the choices, we could conceivably have a mascot that only 1% or less has voted for.

Is this what the hobby wants. I say no. If we are going to do this thing, then let's do it right. I say that now that the nominations are in that we have a primary election to determine the finalist, and then we vote for our choice of the finalists.

I respectfully ask you to print this, and let's find out how the rest of the hobby feels about it.

((Personally, I agree with you. One of the best votes would be for the "no mascot" choice. The only other ones that even come near to making sense would be the Chamelion, my own best pick; the great white shark; or even Sack's "pet rock" nominee. The rest are absurd or nonsensical.))

J.M.

KNOWN GAME OPENINGS

1 March 1981

Robert Sacks

This listing includes multi-player diplomatic play-by-mail games (e.g., Diplomacy and its variants, SPI Power Political Games) with information not more than 2 months old.

A typical listing consists of the following:

Publisher Name, Address

ZINE NAME, frequency, costs ((month))

GAME, variant

frequency: nw = n weeks; m = monthly
month is the month entry was updated

Distribution: Diplomacy World, Boardman Number Custodian,
Miller Number Custodian, Zine Directory, Pandemonium,
Brutus Bullstin, Whitstonia, anyone sending in a SASE.

John Boardman, 234 E 19th St, Brooklyn NY 11226 USA — Established
ORAUSTAR, 3w, \$15 ((Jan))
DIPLOMACY

John Caruso, 42-34 Saull St, Flushing NY 11355 USA — Established
WHITESTONIA, 4w, \$2 + \$5/10 ((Feb))
DIPLOMACY, MASTERMIND, WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN

Don DelGrande, 2400 Durant Av 208, Berkeley Ca 94720 USA — New
LIFE OF MONTY, m, 55¢/issue ((Jan))
CRUSADES, DALLAS, DIPLOMACY, EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES,
KINGMAKER, MACHIAVELLI, Pythonic, THIRD REICH

Steve Heinowaki, 1630 W 28th St, Lorain Oh 44052 USA — Established
TER-RAN, 4w, 33¢/issue ((Jan))
DIPLOMACY, WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN

Roy Henricks, 128 Deerfield Dr, Pittsburgh Pa 15235 USA
ENVOY, m, \$2 + \$5 @ 3¢/pg + postage ((Jan))
Deadman (\$3 Game fee), DIPLOMACY (\$4 Game fee, no Game fee for
Distaff game), Grand Tournament, KINGMAKER (\$4 Game fee),
WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN: Corseir

John Leeder, 121 19th Av NE, Calgary Alberta T2E 1N9 CANADA
RUNESTONE, \$5 Can ((Jan))
DIPLOMACY, Gesta Danorum

Dave Marshall, 1547 Maple Grove Rd, South Euclid Oh 44121 USA — See cover for
DOWN 'N' DIRTY, 3w, \$3.50 ((Jan)) details and other
DIPLOMACY openings

Michael Mills, 1585 Quaker Rd, Macedon NY 14502 USA — Established
EMHAIN MACHA, 4w, \$3 + \$2 Dep + 12/\$5.60 ((Jan))
Deadman, DIPLOMACY

Glenn Overby, 23096 Tawas, Hazel Perk MI 48030 USA
JIHAD!, m, \$4 + 12/\$6 ((Jan))
A MIGHTY FORTRESS, Crypto II, DIPLOMACY, KINGMAKER, Mercator III,
North America: 2020, The Song of the Night

Robert Sacks, 4861 Broadway 5-V, NY NY 10034 USA
HANSARD, \$3 + sub ((Mar))
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Bruce Schneier, 455 E 17th St, Brooklyn NY 11226 USA

INVASION, \$3 + 12/\$5 ((Jan))

Bourse, DIPLOMACY, DIVINE RIGHT (replacement players, no Game fee),
KINGMAKER (\$4 Game fee), MACHIAVELLI (\$4 Game fee) — New

Mike Scott, 1726 Cypress Circle, LaVerne Ca 91750 USA

MIKE'S MAG, m, \$3 ((Jan))

CONQUISTADOR, CRUSADES, KINGMAKER, MACHIAVELLI, RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR

Steve Shaddix, 5486 Butano Way, Rocklin Ca 95677 USA

THE WHITE DUKE, \$2 + sub ((Feb))

DIPLOMACY, ORIGINS, WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN (\$1.50 Game fee) — Very new

Clive Tonge, 2402 Edenhurst Dr, Mississauga Ontario L5A 2K9 CANADA

Nick Russan, 2503-353 Hurontario St, Mississauga Ontario L5A 2G7 CANADA

INFIDEL, 5w, \$3.25 + sub 45¢-65¢/issue Can ((Feb))

Deadman, DIPLOMACY, any other variant

Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Dr, Paoli Pa 19301 USA

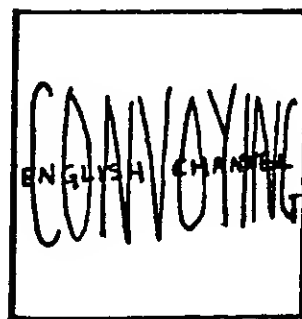
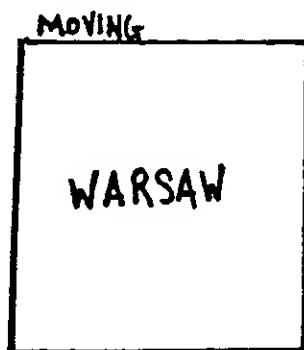
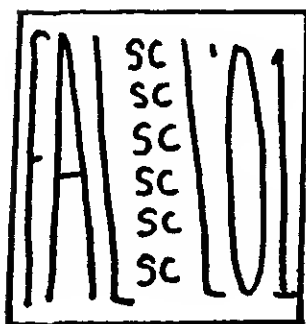
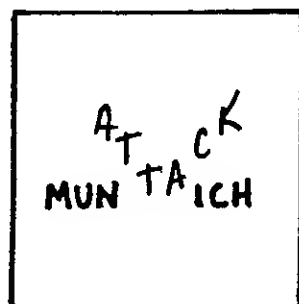
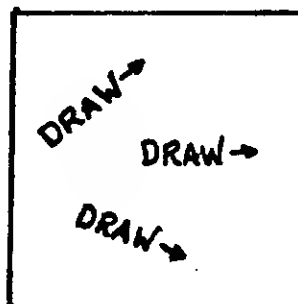
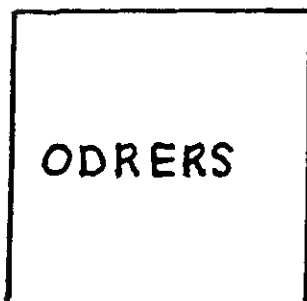
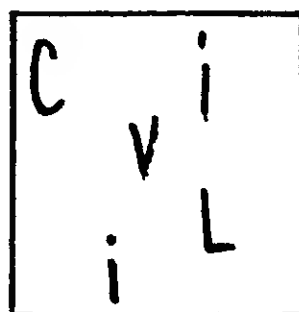
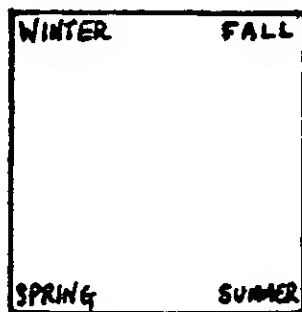
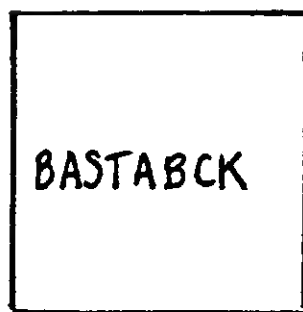
BORN TO DIP, 2w or 4w, 10¢/5¢ or \$3 for 2w game ((Feb)) — Note 2-week
DIPLOMACY openings!



"Listen kid, next time I ask for a situation report do you think I could have something more specific than 'mellow'?"

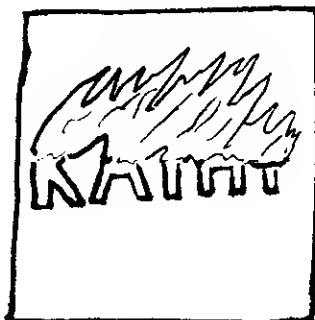
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I love these things in "Games" magazine so I thought I'd try a few relating to Diplomacy. Maybe if any of you care to contribute some of your own I can put together a collection of them for DW.



EXAMPLE: The first one is "a stab in the back". The other answers will be in the next issue...maybe. Or should I say: issue issue isotheranswerssue "

My entry:



****This originally appeared in a recent copy of Jerry Jones' LIES, DECEIT, & NEFARIOUS SCHEMES. Jerry is likely to make a comeback with it, I'm guessing, once he hands off the DIPLOMACY WORLD job, and their little guy is OK, which I sincerely hope will will be very soon!

J.M.

